







## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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For:

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CARBOXYL-CONTAINING

POLYSACCHARIDES FOR ADHESION

**PREVENTION** 

**Examiner:** 

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Docket No: L15.2-5125

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 3, 1995, please amend the above-titled application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

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Please cancel claims 1/3-14 and 16 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-2, 5, 17 and 19 as follows:

-- 1. (Amended) A method of reducing the incidence of post-operative adhesion formation in any animal that is susceptible to unwanted adhesion formation following surgery, comprising the step of topically applying as an adhesion preventative an effective amount of a carboxyl-containing polysaccharide, selected from the group consisting of hyaluronic acid and [or a] pharmacologically acceptable salts thereof having a weight average

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